

Village of Malcolm

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Happy New Year!!!

Board members: Congratulations to David Rohe, Teena Hicken and Terry Kopecky who were re-elected in November to the Village Board of Trustees. The Village Board of Trustees consists of:

- David Rohe – Chairperson
- Teena Hicken – Chair Pro Tem – Civil Defense
- Terry Kopecky – in charge of Water
- Jeff Schweitzer – in charge of Streets
- Nathan Habe – in charge of Sewer

Malcolm Planning Commission: Would like to thank Rick Jirovsky for his time serving on the Planning Commission. The members of the Planning Commission now are: Jared Ritze, Chairman; AJ Benischek, Recorder; Lecia Teten; Sandy Streeter; Logan Ocken; Shad Pekarek and new member Jon Mohr.

Malcolm Library: The Village Board would like to thank Patty French for donating the “Malcolm (Little Free Library) Library”. It is located in the yard on the east side of the Village Hall. If you are not familiar with the Little Free Libraries, here’s how it works; you can bring in your old or unused books and put them in the Library and take any book(s) out that might interest you, even if you don’t have books to donate, please help yourself to the donated books.

There are paper and pens in the top door if you have any comments or questions.

There will be a dedication of the “Malcolm Library” sometime this spring, watch for the next Residential letter or Clipper for the date and time.

Community Survey: The Malcolm Planning Commission is working on updating the Comprehensive Development Plan for the Village. They need your help, enclosed is a Community Survey with only 12 questions. In order to guide, development, the community needs a vision statement, goals and objectives, the input from citizens is very important, please take a few minutes and completed the enclosed Community Survey and return to the Village Hall prior to January 31, 2017. The Survey can be dropped off with your water bills; or mailed to PO Box 228, Malcolm, NE 68402.

Outdoor Fireplaces, Fire Rings, Chimineas and Fire Pits: - This new code has been approved as of January 4, 2017, to clarify the use of Outdoor Fireplaces, Fire Rings, Chimineas and Fire Pits within the Village Limits:

Article 3. Burning Allowed

7-301 Definitions.

- (1) “Outdoor fireplaces” shall include fire pits, fire rings and chimineas. These residential outdoor fireplaces are used for containing recreational fires located at a private residence for the purpose of outdoor cooking and personal enjoyment. Outdoor fireplaces do not include barbeque grills that use propane or charcoal as a fuel which are used primarily for outdoor cooking, and are allowed.
- (2) “Fire rings” are defined as a fire ring constructed on the ground that is enclosed with a metal tube, partially buried in the ground, poured concrete, stones or other type of material used for an enclosure.
- (3) “Chimineas” are defined as outdoor patio fireplaces, usually made from clay, intended to confine and control outdoor fires.
- (4) “Fire Pits” are usually constructed of steel, concrete and/or stone, and constructed above ground with a heavy steel screen cover.

7-302 Clearances. All outdoor fireplaces must be located no less than ten (10) feet away from combustible materials such as a house, deck, accessory building or neighbor’s house.

7-303 Size. The fuel area for an outdoor fireplace shall not be larger than three feet in diameter and a height of more than three feet above ground.

7-304 Location. Outdoor fireplaces shall not be located on combustible balconies or decks, and shall not be located under any combustible balcony or any overhanging portion of a structure or vulnerable vegetation.

7-305 Type of Materials Being Burnt. Outdoor fireplaces shall only burn propane, commercial logs, untreated wood or natural sawed dry wood. Petroleum products, rubbish, grass, leaves, cardboard, plastics, rubber or any material that may flow out of the containment or cause excessive heat, smoke or offensive smell shall not be permitted.

- 7-306 Amount of Materials Being Burnt.** Users must limit the amount of material being burnt to ensure the flames are confined inside the fuel area of the outdoor fireplace.
- 7-307 Supervision.** Outdoor fireplaces shall be under constant supervision by at least one responsible person of the age of 16 or older, from the ignition of the fire until the fire is completely extinguished and the embers are cooled in order to prohibit the fire from rekindling.
- 7-308 Provisions for Protection.** A garden hose connected to a water supply, or other approved fire extinguishing equipment shall be readily available for use.
- 7-309 Wind and Weather Conditions.** Outdoor fireplaces shall be completely extinguished and/or not be operated when winds are blowing over 12 mph, and wind direction which may cause smoke, embers, or other burning materials to be carried by the wind toward any building or other combustible materials or vulnerable vegetation. Outdoor fireplaces shall not be operated when weather conditions are extremely dry.
- 7-310 Maintenance.** The owner of the property upon which the outdoor fireplace is located shall be responsible to ensure proper maintenance and care is accomplished in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. At the minimum, the outdoor fireplace will be checked regularly for the appearance of cracks and other physical deterioration or loose parts.

Recycling Center: The Board appreciates you letting us know when the bins at the recycling center are full. We realize the cardboard containers get full fast – so *please flatten down all of your cardboard boxes before putting them in the container.*

The Village of Malcolm has an agreement with the City of Lincoln for the recycling center. The City of Lincoln has a contract with VonBush Refuse to keep the bins empty. VonBush has a lot of recycling center's to take care of, therefore, let's make sure we do are part and make sure the correct items get put in the correct bins, and are not left outside the bins.

Snow: Just a friendly reminder, please have all vehicle's, boats, campers and trailers removed from the streets so that the Village can properly plow and salt/sand the streets after snow storms.

House Numbers: Make it easier for the Malcolm Volunteer Fire Department, ambulances or other emergency vehicles to find your home – PUT HOUSE NUMBERS ON YOUR HOME

Mark your Calendars:

- Malcolm Annual Clean Up Day – May 6, 2017
- The 14th Annual Malcolm Car Show and Antique Tractors - August 20th, 2017

Village Board meetings as well as the Planning Commission meetings are opened to the public, your input is very important to the continued growth and everyday concerns of the Village. **The Board cannot help with any problems that might arise within the Village unless you bring the problems or concerns to the Board.** The Village Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Malcolm Planning Commission meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Malcolm Village Board